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ALL COUNTY LETTER 88-160

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: AFDC HOMELESS ASSISTANCE

REFERENCE: MPP 44-211.5

The purpose of this letter is to respond to the questions asked by the counties, primarily at CWDA meetings, regarding county responsibility when an applicant or recipient moves from one county to another during the incident of homelessness. Indications are that some families are being referred from county to county over responsibilities issues.

Several Manual of Policy and Procedures (MPP) regulations, when correctly applied, define clearly the responsibility and actions of the counties when applicant or recipient families request homeless assistance special need money from a particular county. Applicable regulations include MPP Sections 40-125.51, 40-187.22, 44-211.517(a), 44-211.523 and 44-211.534.

MPP 40-125.51 contains information about applicants of AFDC in one county who eventually request homeless assistance in a second county. It provides in pertinent part that, "(T)the second county is responsible for issuing the payment for homeless assistance from the date of the request".

Section 40-187.22(a) addresses situations where recipients of one county request homeless assistance in a second county. It is explicit in that, "(T)the second county is responsible from the date of the request for issuing the payment for homeless assistance".

MPP Section 44-211.517(a) also emphasizes the fact that the county from which homeless assistance is requested is responsible for payment. With regard to the homeless assistance payment, it states that, "(T)the CWD from which homeless assistance is requested is responsible from the date of the request for making the homeless assistance eligibility determination and issuing the homeless assistance payment".

Also, MPP Sections 44-211.523 and 44-211.534 are clear that the homeless assistance payment be issued or denied on the same date as the date of request in the case of temporary homeless assistance,

and within one working day of the request in the case of permanent homeless assistance. Therefore, you may see that referral of families is impractical under these time constraints.

County Welfare Departments are to respond to requests for homeless assistance in accordance with the regulations cited above. Disputes between counties with regard to this issue are to be referred to this Department for resolution in accordance with MPP Section 40-197.1.

If you have any questions about homeless assistance, please contact Judy Moore at (916) 324-2017 or ATSS 454-2017.



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